Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

December 2016

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering December 4th to 10th, 2016, there were 563,000 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is a decrease of 4,800 from November 2016 and 7,900 less than the number employed in December 2015.

Agricultural employment was 37,400 persons in December 2016, down 1,200 from the November 2016 level and 3,200 less than the December 2015 agricultural employment level of 40,600. Non-agricultural employment was 525,600 persons in December 2016. This is a decrease of 3,600 from the November 2016 non-agriculture employment level of 529,200 and 4,700 less than December 2015.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for December 2016 was 6.2 percent. This is a decrease of 0.2 percentage points from the November 2016 rate of 6.4 percent but 1.1 percentage points higher than the December 2015 level of 5.1 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 6,300 to 600,300 persons in December 2016 from 606,600 persons in November 2016. This is 1,100 less than the December 2015 labour force of 601,400 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.8 percentage points to 68.8 percent in December 2016 from 69.6 percent in November 2016. The December 2015 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.5 percent.

There were 37,400 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during December 2016. This is a decrease of 1,400 from November 2016 but is 6,800 more than the number unemployed in December 2015.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 568,200 persons employed in Saskatchewan in December 2016, down 1,100 from the November 2016 level of 569,300 and down 6,900 from the December 2015 employment level of 575,100 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for December 2016 was 6.5 percent. This is a decrease of 0.3 percentage points from the November 2016 rate of 6.8 percent and 1.0 percentage point higher than the December 2015 rate of 5.5 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 46,700 persons in December 2016 to 18,133,000 persons from 18,179,700 persons in November 2016. In December 2015, there were 17,915,000 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.1 percentage points in December 2016 to 6.4 percent from the November 2016 level of 6.3 percent. In December 2015, Canada's unemployment rate was 6.7 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.9 percent in December 2016. This is 0.1 percentage points higher than November 2016 but 0.2 percentage points lower than the December 2015 level of 7.1 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	December 2016	November 2016	December 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	19,381.4	19,406.0	19,206.2	-24.6	175.2
Employed ('000)	18,133.0	18,179.7	17,915.0	-46.7	218.0
Full-Time ('000)	14,480.8	14,499.0	14,394.0	-18.2	86.8
Part-Time ('000)	3,652.3	3,680.7	3,521.0	-28.4	131.3
Unemployed ('000)	1,248.3	1,226.2	1,291.2	22.1	-42.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.4	6.3	6.7	0.1	-0.3
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.9	6.8	7.1	0.1	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	65.2	65.3	65.3	-0.1	-0.1
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	600.3	606.6	601.4	-6.3	-1.1
Employed ('000)	563.0	567.8	570.9	-4.8	-7.9
Full-Time ('000)	457.7	466.1	468.0	-8.4	-10.3
Part-Time ('000)	105.3	101.7	102.8	3.6	2.5
Unemployed ('000)	37.4	38.8	30.6	-1.4	6.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.2	6.4	5.1	-0.2	1.1
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.5	6.8	5.5	-0.3	1.0
Participation Rate (%)	68.8	69.6	69.5	-0.8	-0.7
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Labour Force ('000)	2,456.7	2,466.6	2,435.7	-9.9	21.0
Employed ('000)	2,254.3	2,257.9	2,271.6	-3.6	-17.3
Full-Time ('000)	1,827.0	1,816.2	1,854.5	10.8	-27.5
Part-Time ('000)	427.3	441.7	417.1	-14.4	10.2
Unemployed ('000)	202.4	208.8	164.1	-6.4	38.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.2	8.5	6.7	-0.3	1.5
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	8.5	9.0	7.0	-0.5	1.5
Participation Rate (%)	72.1	72.4	72.1	-0.3	0.0
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	668.9	670.7	667.5	-1.8	1.4
Employed ('000)	630.7	633.2	631.6	-2.5	-0.9
Full-Time ('000)	501.9	499.0	500.9	2.9	1.0
Part-Time ('000)	128.8	134.1	130.7	-5.3	-1.9
Unemployed ('000)	38.2	37.5	36.0	0.7	2.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.7	5.6	5.4	0.1	0.3
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.3	6.2	5.9	0.1	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	66.6	66.8	67.3	-0.2	-0.7

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	December 2016	November 2016	December 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	600.3	606.6	601.4	-6.3	-1.1
Male	328.1	333.0	327.2	-4.9	0.9
Female	272.2	273.5	274.2	-1.3	-2.0
15-24 Years of Age	82.2	85.6	87.3	-3.4	-5.1
25+ Years of age	518.2	520.9	514.2	-2.7	4.0
EMPLOYED ('000)	563.0	567.8	570.9	-4.8	-7.9
Male	304.1	308.6	308.3	-4.5	-4.2
Female	258.9	259.2	262.5	-0.3	-3.6
15-24 Years of Age	74.5	74.4	80.0	0.1	-5.5
25+ Years of age	488.4	493.4	490.8	-5.0	-2.4
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	37.4	38.8	30.6	-1.4	6.8
Male	24.0	24.4	18.8	-0.4	5.2
Female	13.3	14.4	11.7	-1.1	1.6
15-24 Years of Age	7.6	11.2	5.3	-3.6	2.3
25+ Years of age	29.7	27.6	14.9	2.1	14.8
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	6.2	6.4	5.1	-0.2	1.1
Male	7.3	7.3	5.7	0.0	1.6
Female	4.9	5.3	4.3	-0.4	0.6
15-24 Years of Age	9.2	13.1	8.2	-3.9	1.0
25+ Years of age	5.7	5.3	4.5	0.4	1.2
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	68.8	69.6	69.5	-0.8	-0.7
Male	74.6	75.8	75.0	-1.2	-0.4
Female	62.9	63.3	63.9	-0.4	-1.0
15-24 Years of Age	61.2	63.7	64.3	-2.5	-3.1
25+ Years of age	70.2	70.6	70.5	-0.4	-0.3

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	December 2016	November 2016	December 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	37.4	38.6	40.6	-1.2	-3.2
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	25.0	25.4	26.5	-0.4	-1.5
Utilities	6.9	6.7	6.4	0.2	0.5
Construction	48.9	50.1	53.7	-1.2	-4.8
Manufacturing	26.9	26.6	26.2	0.3	0.7
Trade	92.3	91.0	87.1	1.3	5.2
Transportation and Warehousing	28.4	29.0	30.0	-0.6	-1.6
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	26.9	26.7	30.9	0.2	-4.0
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	30.8	30.3	26.3	0.5	4.5
Business, Building and Other Support Services	12.7	12.9	13.6	-0.2	-0.9
Educational Services	42.8	42.5	43.0	0.3	-0.2
Health Care and Social Assistance	75.7	76.8	78.1	-1.1	-2.4
Information, Culture and Recreation	20.0	20.1	19.8	-0.1	0.2
Accommodation and Food Services	35.7	37.5	38.0	-1.8	-2.3
Other Services	23.5	23.9	24.0	-0.4	-0.5
Public Administration	28.9	29.9	26.6	-1.0	2.3
Total	563.0	567.8	570.9	-4.8	-7.9
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	457.7	466.1	468.0	-8.4	-10.3
Part-Time	105.3	101.7	102.8	3.6	2.5
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	461.5	466.8	464.9	-5.3	-3.4
Public Sector	138.9	141.1	138.2	-2.2	0.7
Private Sector	322.6	325.7	326.8	-3.1	-4.2
Self-Employed	101.5	101.0	105.9	0.5	-4.4

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	December 2016	November 2016	December 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	18,133.0	18,179.7	17,915.0	-46.7	218.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	223.2	228.0	228.9	-4.8	-5.7
Prince Edward Island	69.6	70.1	69.7	-0.5	-0.1
Nova Scotia	446.2	447.8	442.3	-1.6	3.9
New Brunswick	349.8	353.1	346.8	-3.3	3.0
Quebec	4,160.5	4,178.8	4,076.2	-18.3	84.3
Ontario	7,033.5	7,049.9	6,947.4	-16.4	86.1
Manitoba	630.7	633.2	631.6	-2.5	-0.9
Saskatchewan	563.0	567.8	570.9	-4.8	-7.9
Alberta	2,254.3	2,257.9	2,271.6	-3.6	-17.3
British Columbia	2,402.1	2,393.1	2,329.6	9.0	72.5
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	6.4	6.3	6.7	0.1	-0.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	15.2	14.5	14.2	0.7	1.0
Prince Edward Island	11.5	11.6	11.1	-0.1	0.4
Nova Scotia	7.7	7.5	8.2	0.2	-0.5
New Brunswick	8.8	8.0	8.4	0.8	0.4
Quebec	6.4	5.8	7.6	0.6	-1.2
Ontario	5.7	5.6	6.1	0.1	-0.4
Manitoba	5.7	5.6	5.4	0.1	0.3
Saskatchewan	6.2	6.4	5.1	-0.2	1.1
Alberta	8.2	8.5	6.7	-0.3	1.5
British Columbia	5.4	5.9	6.2	-0.5	-0.8

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	December 2016	November 2016	December 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	18,225.0	18,171.3	18,010.9	53.7	214.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	227.1	228.7	232.8	-1.6	-5.7
Prince Edward Island	72.1	71.5	72.8	0.6	-0.7
Nova Scotia	448.5	448.0	445.9	0.5	2.6
New Brunswick	354.9	354.3	352.8	0.6	2.1
Quebec	4,199.1	4,178.7	4,109.6	20.4	89.5
Ontario	7,046.7	7,037.6	6,966.1	9.1	80.6
Manitoba	633.0	631.8	634.0	1.2	-1.0
Saskatchewan	568.2	569.3	575.1	-1.1	-6.9
Alberta	2,267.3	2,260.4	2,286.1	6.9	-18.8
British Columbia	2,408.1	2,391.1	2,335.7	17.0	72.4
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	6.9	6.8	7.1	0.1	-0.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	14.9	14.3	14.4	0.6	0.5
Prince Edward Island	10.7	10.8	9.8	-0.1	0.9
Nova Scotia	8.3	8.0	8.6	0.3	-0.3
New Brunswick	9.4	8.7	8.9	0.7	0.5
Quebec	6.6	6.2	7.9	0.4	-1.3
Ontario	6.4	6.3	6.7	0.1	-0.3
Manitoba	6.3	6.2	5.9	0.1	0.4
Saskatchewan	6.5	6.8	5.5	-0.3	1.0
Alberta	8.5	9.0	7.0	-0.5	1.5
British Columbia	5.8	6.1	6.7	-0.3	-0.9

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	December 2016	November 2016	December 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	9.4	8.8	5.9	0.6	3.5
Halifax	5.6	5.4	5.8	0.2	-0.2
Saint John	7.2	6.5	6.7	0.7	0.5
Quebec	3.8	3.7	4.3	0.1	-0.5
Montreal	6.3	6.3	8.2	0.0	-1.9
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.4	5.6	5.7	-0.2	-0.3
Toronto	6.4	6.6	6.5	-0.2	-0.1
Greater Sudbury	7.3	6.8	7.5	0.5	-0.2
Winnipeg	6.4	6.5	5.6	-0.1	0.8
Regina	5.0	5.0	3.8	0.0	1.2
Saskatoon	7.3	7.1	6.1	0.2	1.2
Calgary	10.0	10.1	6.7	-0.1	3.3
Edmonton	7.0	6.4	5.8	0.6	1.2
Vancouver	4.8	5.1	5.4	-0.3	-0.6
Victoria	4.9	4.8	5.9	0.1	-1.0
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	182.6	183.1	186.6	-0.5	-4.0
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	53.1	53.5	52.2	-0.4	0.9
Saskatoon-Biggar	196.7	198.0	199.6	-1.3	-2.9
Yorkton-Melville	38.1	37.6	37.6	0.5	0.5
Prince Albert & Northern	96.2	98.0	100.1	-1.8	-3.9

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	December 2016	November 2016	December 2015	Last Month	Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	604.4	608.0	607.3	-3.6	-2.9
Employed ('000)	566.5	570.6	577.2	-4.1	-10.7
Unemployed ('000)	37.9	37.4	30.1	0.5	7.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.3	6.1	5.0	0.2	1.3
Participation Rate (%)	69.3	69.8	70.2	-0.5	-0.9
Employment Rate (%)	65.0	65.5	66.8	-0.5	-1.8
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	548.3	553.0	558.1	-4.7	-9.8
Employed ('000)	518.6	523.2	533.9	-4.6	-15.3
Unemployed ('000)	29.7	29.8	24.2	-0.1	5.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	5.4	4.3	0.0	1.1
Participation Rate (%)	69.6	70.2	71.0	-0.6	-1.4
Employment Rate (%)	65.9	66.4	67.9	-0.5	-2.0
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	56.1	55.0	49.2	1.1	6.9
Employed ('000)	47.9	47.4	43.3	0.5	4.6
Unemployed ('000)	8.2	7.6	5.9	0.6	2.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	14.5	13.8	12.0	0.7	2.5
Participation Rate (%)	66.4	65.6	63.1	0.8	3.3
Employment Rate (%)	56.8	56.6	55.5	0.2	1.3
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Labour Force ('000)	23.3	21.5	18.1	1.8	5.2
Employed ('000)	19.1	17.5	14.5	1.6	4.6
Unemployed ('000)	4.2	4.0	3.6	0.2	0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	18.2	18.6	19.9	-0.4	-1.7
Participation Rate (%)	61.9	57.9	54.9	4.0	7.0
Employment Rate (%)	50.6	47.1	44.0	3.5	6.6
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Labour Force ('000)	32.7	33.4	30.5	-0.7	2.2
Employed ('000)	28.8	29.8	28.1	-1.0	0.7
Unemployed ('000)	3.9	3.6	2.3	0.3	1.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.8	10.7	7.7	1.1	4.1
Participation Rate (%)	70.0	71.9	69.2	-1.9	0.8
Employment Rate (%)	61.7	64.2	63.9	-2.5	-2.2

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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